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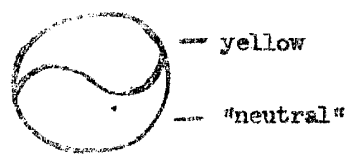
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Stendal (Y85)

1. Additional concentrations of armored troops were observed between 10 and 12 November 1946.

Dolle (Y63)

2. Between 10 and 14 November, tank and artillery exercises (with some of the guns entrenched) were being held on the Doile training grounds and at the firing area of Hillersleben (Y51). Source does not estimate the number of troops in Dolle, but says that "the division" recently arrived from the East over a period of three nights (no dates supplied). The unit insignia is:



Schönebeck (D78)

3. A motorized artillery unit and a horse-drawn rifle unit, billeted in villages around Schönebeck, left in an easterly direction between 8 and 11 November. The motorized repair unit is still in Schönebeck, but has relinquished several large buildings earlier requisitioned for its use.

Weisswarthe (Y83)

4. 16th Armored Brigade was identified by source in early November. Troop strength was 3,000 including recent arrivals; armor consisted chiefly of T-34 tanks.

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5. 16th Armored Brigade evacuated Weisswarthe completely, according to a later report from the same source as Para. 4 above, apparently sometime between 23 and 28 November.

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Comment: This unit was first mentioned, though not identified, by the same source in a report dated 20-28 October. The CO was given as Lt Col Skubzek.

Barleben (Y60)

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6. Between 26 and 28 November, 900 men and the staff of a rifle division were transferred to Barleben from Seehausen (D49).

Biederitz (Y70)

7. The staff of an armored division left Biederitz between 23 and 28 November. According to statements made by Soviet officers, they were going to Russia. The storage depot was shifted to Junkers-Magdeburg.

Burg (Y81)

8. As of 21 November, sources learned that the 15th Rifle Division was to be transferred shortly, presumably to the Balkans.

9. A new barracks is located about one kilometer from Burg, on the main road to Zerbst. The grounds include eight large apartment blocks and fourteen large garages. Comment: Sketch map attached). There are said to be 4,000 troops at this installation, eighty T-34, and several Tiger tanks. Sources do not identify the four armored units supposed to be based here, but some of the total number of men belong to the 15th Rifle Division.

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Comment: Source of Paras. 1 to 7 estimates that there are 9,000 troops in Burg, basing this opinion on his own observations and the statements of administration employees.

10. The following truck numbers were observed in Burg proper around 21 November:

Γ 0-12-49	Γ 0-12-53	Γ 1-29-33
Γ 1-47-93	Γ +-65-65	

also, one passenger car marked CCU - X - 0-11

11. Fifteen repaired T-34 tanks were seen on a railway siding at Burg. These bore serial numbers 615 to 630 and the symbol:



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Magdeburg (Y60)

12. The army corps of General Litvinov was still in Magdeburg between 23 and 28 November.


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13. Beginning 23 November, large numbers of German "flying squad" police were shipped to the Soviet-British zone border to replace Soviet troops. Some of them have been told by Russian officers that they will be supplanted as soon as fresh troops arrive.

25X1A6a  Comment: Another source also reports this movement of German police.) Sections of the border - e.g., around Schierke (D05) - are still unguarded and considerable illegal border traffic is reported.

14. Two battalions and the staff of "reconnaissance" troops arrived at the Hindenburg barracks in Magdeburg between 23 and 28 November. Equipment included armored reconnaissance cars. The troops are very young, but appear well disciplined.

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15. On 29 November, more than fifty trucks left Magdeburg and returned that afternoon from the Helmstedt area (Y20) hauling wooden ammunition boxes whose size suggested a cargo of infantry ammunition and hand grenades.

16. Source reports hearing of troop evacuations from Neuhausenleben (Y51), Oschersleben (D48), and Calbe (D77). Troop transports began to proceed eastward at the end of October and continued through November. Troop attacks on the civilian population increased in the period preceding the evacuations.

17. A large number of Russians in Magdeburg are now wearing civilian clothes, giving rise to rumors that they are disguised troops.

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New Barracks Near Burg